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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: OVIP (RUSH, KENNETH)

SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO EA

REF: A. STATE 008031 B. STATE 022530

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS KEYED TO INQUIRIES REF B.

A. NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.
BRIEF STATEMENT ON DEPARTURE MAY BE DESIRABLE DEPENDING ON
EVOLUTION OF EVENTS IN NEXT 30 DAYS. IF SO, DRAFT WILL BE SENT
BANGKOK.

B. TOASTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE CALLED FOR, EXCEPT POSSIBLY
AT A DINNER WHICH THE PRESIDENT (OR PRIME MINISTER) MAY HOST.

C. BILATERAL MEETINGS WILL PROBABLY BE WITH PRESIDENT,
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. SUBJECTS WHICH
LIKELY TO BE COVERED INCLUDE PROSPECTS FOR U.S. ECONOMIC ASSIST-
ANCE TO VIETNAM, MILITARY SITUATION, IMPROVING GVN IMAGE IN THE
U.S., AND COUNTERING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE
IN SUPPORT OF THE "PRG".

NOTE: DUE TO FAST BREAKING EVOLUTION ALL ABOVE ITEMS TO INCLUDE
THEMES FOR TOASTS PREFER TO DEFER SPECIFICS UNTIL BANGKOK STOP.

D. DEPSEC'S SCHEDULE WILL NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR
MEETING WITH MISSION STAFF.

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E. FOR MRS. RUSH: ON BOTH DAYS, DRESS SHOULD BE VERY

INFORMAL AND COMFORTABLE IN HOT CLIMATE. NO UNUSUAL CIRCUM-
STANCE WILL BE ENCOUNTERED RELATIVE TO SOCIAL USAGES OR CONVERSA-
TION TOPICS TO AVOID OR STRESS. UNLESS MRS. RUSH HAS SPECIFIC
DESIRES, NOTHING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR HER. SHOPPING AND SIGHT-
SEEING CAN BE ARRANGED AS SHE MAY DESIRE ON ARRIVAL.

F. (1) SCHEDULE FOR DEPSEC:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: (WE ARE AWAITING FINAL WORD FROM MFA
ON CALLS GVN OFFICIALS.)

1430 ARRIVE SAIGON. MET BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS.
MARTIN AND REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

1430-1445 EN ROUTE U.S. EMBASSY

1445-1555 DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB MARTIN AND SELECTED
U.S. OFFICIALS.

1555-1600 EN ROUTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1600-1625 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

1625-1630 EN ROUTE TO OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

1630-1655 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

1655-1700 EN ROUTE TO INDEPENDENCE PALACE

1700-1800 CALL ON PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

2000 DINNER HOSTED BY GVN

THURSDAY, MARCH 7:

0900-1000 VISIT TO DAO (DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE) FOR
MILITARY BRIEFING.

1000-1015 EN ROUTE TO U.S. EMBASSY

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1015-1100 DISCUSSION WITH AID DIRECTOR AND ECON COUNSELOR.

1100-1230 DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND
OTHERS AS DESIRED.

1230-1245 EN ROUTE TO TAN SON NHUT

1300 DEPART VIETNAM

F. (2) SCHEDULE FOR MRS. RUSH: SEE PARA E ABOVE.

2. GUEST LISTS FOR ALL FUNCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN INFO
AVAILABLE.

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